

Appl. No. 10/613,374

Docket No. 1998B037A/2

Preliminary Amdt. dated September 17, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 5, 21, and 31 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 2, 11, 13, 20, and 30 have been amended.

Claim 1 has been amended for purposes of clarity by adding the term "units" to modify "propylene" in element b) and by replacing the phrase "propylene" with "polymerized propylene units" in elements c) and d). Claim 1 has also been amended to clarify that the recited percentages are based on the weight of the blend composition. Support for this amendment is found in the specification, including on page 8, lines 24-26. Claim 1 has also been amended to recite melting point values for the first and second polymer components. Support for this amendment is found in originally filed claims 5 and 11.

Claim 2 has been amended by replacing "composition" with "component."

Claim 11 has been amended by deleting the melting point values for the second polymer component, which are now recited in claim 1.

Claim 13 has been amended for clarity.

Claims 20 and 30 have been amended by replacing "aged" with "annealed." Support for this amendment is found in the specification, including from page 28, line 25 to page 29, line 10.

Thus, the changes to the claims add no new matter.

Claims 1-4, 6-20, and 22-30 are now before the Examiner.

Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

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